THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) According to the Population Census-2001, 23.6 per cent of the total population of the country and 23.8 per cent of the population of Tamil Nadu are earning livelihood from agriculture and allied activities.

(b) and (c) In order to promote agro based industries, the Government has been implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) in the country through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). Under the REGP, margin money assistance is given by the Government for setting up agro and rural industries. So far 209705 projects have been set up under the REGP, generating 28.05 lakh emploment opportunities in the country. The target for the Tenth Plan is to generate additional employment opportunities for 2.5 million persons.

For popularizing REGP among the potential rural entrepreneurs, workshops, awareness camps and exhibitions for regularly organized by the KVIC. The target for such workshops, awareness camps and exhibitions during 2005-06 is 270.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries also provides financial assistance for establishment and modernization of Food Processing units, creation of infrastructure, support for Research and Development etc.

Enriched uranium from Non-NSG countries

1112. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are in pursuit for enriched uranium and transfer of dual use technologies for nuclear programme;

(b) whether this would require a considerable period of time because of the existing agreement among the Nuclear Suppliers Group and the existing legislation of some of the member countries;

(c) if so, whether country is looking for enriched uranium from non-NSG countries; and

(d) whether mandatory inspection by IAEA suppliers of technologies of fissile material insist on the basis of extant agreements and legislations which would adversely affect our fast breeder reactor project which is a top priority in terms of autonomy in development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Government is exploring acqui-

sition of low enriched uranium for use in US supplied Tarapur Atomic Power Station (Units-1&2) reactors. This could take some time. However, our domestic three State nuclear power programme is self reliant and is being pursued on the basis of indigenous efforts.

(c) There is no possibility of getting enriched uranium from a non-NSG country.

(d) Our fast breeder reactor project development would continue on top priority with indigenous efforts.

Rehabilitation of displaced persons

1113. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of memoranda regarding rehabilitation submitted by Project Affected Families (PAF) of Pofran and Akkarpatti villages, situated at costal side of Palaghar Tehsil of Thane District in Maharashtra, after their evacuation by Tarapur Nuclear Power Station Authorities;

(b) whether Mumbai High Court in an interim order dated 1st October, 2004 (Writ Petition No. 5663 of 2004) had directed specific reliefs and rehabilitation measures for the PAF;

(c) if so, the status of implementation of directives from the Court; and

(d) measures taken to address the issues raised in the Petition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The Project Affected Families (PAFs) of Akkarpatti and Pofran villages were shifted and possession of the land were handed over to project authorities in February/March 2005. No memoranda have been received after evacuation of PAFs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. (NPCIL) has fully implemented the directions contained in the order of the Hon'ble High Court of Mumbai *vide* the interim order dated 01.10.2004.

(d) The following measures have been taken in accordance with the directives of the Hon'ble High Court of Mumbai *vide* interim order dated 1/10/04 and as advised by the Govt. of Maharashtra: